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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action dated February 19, 2008, from May 19, 2008, to on or before August 19, 2008.

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